



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7898**  
Norikazu SUGAYA : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_0044A  
Serial No. 10/526,742 : Group Art Unit 1746  
Filed March 7, 2005 : Examiner Zeinab E. El-Arini

METHOD FOR PRECLUDING ELUTION :  
OF LEAD AND NICKEL FROM COPPER  
ALLOY PLUMBING HARDWARE, SUCH  
AS VALVES AND TUBE COUPLINGS, THE  
COPPER ALLOY PLUMBING HARDWARE,  
AND LIQUID FOR RINSING  
THE PLUMBING HARDWARE

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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 24, 2007, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, and further to the Amendment After Final Rejection, filed April 24, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: